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AMENDMENT

(Amendment under Provision of Section 11)

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1. Identification of the International Application

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5. Item to be Amended "CLAIMS" of SPECIFICATION and "Dis-
closure of Invention" of Detailed
Description of the Invention of
SPECIFICATION

6. Subject Matter of Amendment

(1) "CLAIMS" of SPECIFICATION are amended as accompany-
ing paper 1. As a result, new "CLAIMS" are amended as
follows.

- ① "New claim 1" is identical with "original claim 2."
- ② "New claim 2" is configured so that "said electrolyte retaining layers of 'original claim 1' are separators," and is dependent on "new claim 1."
- ③ "New claims 3 to 6" are respectively identical with "original claims 3 to 6," but are dependent on only "new claim 1."
- ④ "New claim 7" is configured by amending "original claim 7" so as to be directed to "a cell comprising said electrode according to any one of new claims 1 to 6."
- ⑤ "New claim 8" is a claim which is dependent on "new claim 7" and in which "said electrolyte retaining layers are separators."
- ⑥ "New claims 9 to 12" are dependent on "new claim 7."
- ⑦ "New claim 13" is an independent claim in which "A cell which is configured by a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and an electrolyte retaining layer, wherein at least one of interfaces each formed by two of said positive electrode, said negative electrode, and said electrolyte retaining layer is bonded by an adhesive layer containing fine particles, and at least one of said positive and negative electrodes has said groove set forth in any one of claims 2 to 6." of "original claim 8" is amended as "A cell which is configured by a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and an electrolyte retaining layer, wherein at least one of inter-

faces each formed by two of said positive electrode, said negative electrode, and said electrolyte retaining layer is bonded by an adhesive layer containing fine particles, and a groove is formed in a face which is a surface of at least one of said electrodes, said face being opposed to the other electrode via said electrolyte retaining layer, at least one end of said groove reaching an end portion of said electrode."

⑧ "New claims 14 to 18" are dependent on "new claim 13."

⑨ "New claim 19" is configured by amending "original claim 9" so as to be dependent on "new claim 7."

⑩ "New claim 20" is configured by amending "original claim 10" so as to be dependent on "new claim 7."

⑪ "New claim 21" is dependent on "new claim 13."

⑫ "New claim 22" is identical with "original claim 11."

⑬ "New claim 23" is configured by amending "original claim 12" so as to be dependent on "new claim 22."

⑭ "New claim 24" is configured by amending "original claim 13" so as to be dependent on "new claim 22."

(2) In "Disclosure of Invention" of SPECIFICATION, the description from "In order to solve the problems, (1)" at line 5 of page 5 of original SPECIFICATION, to ".... connected with the electrode plate." at line 11 of page 9 is deleted to be replaced with the description of accompanying paper 2.